(d) if so, whether any maebinery is being devised to monitor their actual conduct on the roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A crash programme of refresher course ^h a batch of 150 drivers per week is being conducted since September, 1988 in collaboration with Delhi Traffic Police and Petroleum Conservation Research ,Association. Special emphasis is laid on the behavioural aspects, road safety, safe driving, and fuel consumption, etc. The drivers . are given practical training on the • roads and their driving habits are checked for effecting further improvements.

' (c) Yes, Sir.

• (d) At the end of the course, the drivers are interviewed' and they are graded according to their performance. Follow up action *is* taken by deploying supervisory staff with instructors to check their driving habitg on the roads and to take remedial actions by the DTC.

Harassment of Indian visitors to Pakistan

12. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i9 a fact that Indian visitors to Pakistan are being harassed by Customs and Immigration officials that country;

(b) if so, whethef this . has baa brought to the motteo of the Government of ladia recently; and

(a) whether Government of lndia lava takes up the Pakistan Goverment . Witt KM

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl K NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have seen reports to the effect that certain Indian visitors to Lahore have been. harassed by Pakistani officials. No specific complaintg in this regard have been received by' our Embassy in Islamabad, so far. This matter has bee$_n$ taken up with the Government "of Pakistan.

Financial position of Indian Airlnes

313. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is heading for a sharp downward trend; in its performance in the current financial year;

(b) if so, to what extent the financial position received a set-back during 1988-89; and

(c) to what extent it was less . in 1987-88 and what efforts are being i made to improve its position during 1689-90?

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THE- MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF dVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL); (a) No, Sir. The current financial year has just started and Indian Airlines has budgeted a ,pre-tax profit _ of Rs. 9.15 crores during 1989-90 despite the higher depreciation and interest charges due to induction of Airbus aircraft. The profit before depreciation and interest in 1989-90 is expected *to* be higher than ia 1987-88 and 1989-87*.

(b) Indian Airlines earned a pre-tax profit of Rs. W. 10 crores during 1Q8&V